GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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INCOME TAX
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Income Tax Department is auctioning some properties vested in the Central Government under Section 269UD(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1961;

(b) if so, under what circumstances the said properties were vested in the Central Government;

(c) whether the Income Tax Department has taken over physical possession of these properties before putting them for auction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. The Income Tax Department auctions properties which are vested in the Central Government by virtue of Section 269UE(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. When the Appropriate Authority comes to a finding that the apparent consideration for which an immovable property is purported to be transferred, is less than 15% of the actual fair market value of the said property, it may pass an order for the purchase of such immovable property u/s 269UD(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, and such properties are then vested in the Central Government by virtue of section 269UE(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

Physical possession of such acquired properties is not always taken before putting them on auction. At times, the acquired properties are put to auction on `as is where is` basis, without the Department taking actual physical possession of such properties. The details of properties sold in auctions during the last three financial years are as under :-

Financial Year	No. of properties sold
1997-98	5
1998-99	10
1999-2000	3